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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0946

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA TALKS: LAST SESSION OF SECOND DAY

REF: CAPE TOWN 0945,

1. SUMMARY: AFTER THE MEETING BETWEEN BOTHA AND FOURIE
AND OUR UN-BASED MEMBERS ENDED AT 1645, THE OTHER CG MEMBERS
JOINED THEM FOR LAST SESSION OF THE DAY. HALF-HOUR DISCUSSION
WAS LIMITED TO SUBJECT OF WITHDRAWAL OF SA FROM NAMIBIA.
BOTHA VOICED NO OBJECTIONS TO MOST OF OUR PRESENTATION, BUT
RAISED, AS HE HAD DURING THE APRIL TALKS, QUESTION ABOUT
FINANCIAL BURDEN THEY CLAIM SA EE HAS SHOULDERED IN NAMIBIA,
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WHO WOULD ASSUME IT, AND WHO WOULD COMPENSATE SAG FOR ASSETS
IT WILL LEAVE BEHIND IN NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY.

2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR EICK OPENED MEETING, WHICH VORSTER
DID NOT ATTEND, BY DELIVERING TALKING POINTS PREPARED BY
CG IN EARLY MORNING WORKING SESSION ON TRANSFER OF POWER
(WITHDRAWAL): QUOTE:

(A) WE FULLY SHARE THE SAG'S CONCERN THAT THE TRANSFER OF POWER AND CORRESPONDING WITHDRAWAL OF SAG CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PRESENCE BE SYSTEMATIC SO THAT LAW AND ORDER IS MAINTAINED AND PUBLIC SERVICES CONTINUED.

() TO ENSURE THIS, WE HOPE THE SAG WILL MOVE QUICKLY IN DRAWING UP PLANS FOR A PHASED TRANSFER OF POWER/WITHDRAWAL WHICH COULD START WITH THE NAMING OF AN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND CONTINUE WITH MEASURED PACE THROUGHOUT THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

(3) IN OUR VIEW, TO FACILITATE THE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY OF OUR EFFORTS, TWO STEPS ARE ESSENTIAL:

(A) THE UN REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE KEPT CLOSELY INFORMED OF ALL PHASES OF THE PLAN;

(B) THE WITHDRAWAL SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY INDEPENDENCE, SUBJECT TO WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS THE NEW NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE WITH THE SAG, OR OTHER COUNTRIES, IN THE FUTURE.

(4) WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE SCARCITY OF TRAINED PERSONNEL IN NAMIBIA AND THE HIGH DEGREE OF DEPENDENCY ON SOUTH AFRICA. TO HELP OVERCOME THE DEFICIENCIES, WE WOULD ADVISE THE CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH THE UN REPRESENTATIVE, WHO MAY BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN MEETING PROBLEMS WHICH WILL ARISE.

(5) WITH REGARD TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SERVICES, WE HOPE THAT THE SAG, IN PURSUIT OF THE SHARED OBJECTIVE TO ENSURE AN ORDERLY TRANSITION AND PROMOTE STABILITY IN THE AREA, WILL CONTINUE TO LEND ITS COOPERATION.

(6) WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE QUESTION OF SECURITY IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER TO SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT AN OPEN AND FAIR POLITICAL PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA IS THE BEST GUARANTEE FOR MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERNAL TRANQUILITY AND THE INTEGRITY OF ITS BORDERS.
END QUOTE.

3. BOTHA AND FOURIE RAISED QUESTIONS RELATING TO TALKING POINT (5). THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SAG HAVING TO CONTINUE TO SHOULDER FINANCIAL BURDEN OF UNECONOMIC SERVICES AND WANTED TO KNOW WHO WAS GOING TO COVER THIS DEFICIT IN THE FUTURE AND COMPENSATE SAG FOR ASSETS LEFT BEHIND. WE POINTED OUT RE FIXED ASSETS IN TERRITORY, THAT ADMINISTERING COUNTRY MUST ACCEPT FACT THAT THERE CAN BE NO COMPENSATION, I.E., IT IS PART OF COST OF RESPONSIBILITY. THERE IS AMPLE PRECEDENT FOR THIS IN EXPERIENCE OF FORMER COLONIAL POWERS. RE COST OF MAINTAINING UNPROFITABLE SERVICES AFTER INDEPENDENCE, THIS IS ISSUE THEY SHOULD ADDRESS IN THEIR WITHDRAWAL PLANS. FOURIE AGREED TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC DATA FOR LATER CONSIDERATION.

4. ON THIS NOTE, THE MEETING ENDED. BOTHA SAID SAG WOULD UNDERTAKE TO RESPOND TOMORROW TO POINTS WE HAD MADE ON WITHDRAWAL AND UN INVOLVEMENT. NEXT MEETING

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